

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Bastiaens, et al. |) | |
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| For: | FLAME RETARDANT |) | |
| | EXPANDABLE POLY(ARYLENE |) | |
| | ETHER)/POLYSTYRENE |) | |
| | COMPOSITIONS AND |) | |
| | PREPARATION THEREOF |) | |

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of time for one month to extend the time to reply to July 18, 2008. Please amend the Application as follows: